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Chief in Costa Rica Recalled by C.I.A., U.S. Officials Report

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 — The Central Intelligence Agency has recalled its station chief in Costa Rica after allegations that he gave military and logistical advice to the Nicaraguan rebels, Government officials said today.

The action is the second time the C.I.A. officer involved has been disciplined because of his relationship with the contras, one official said. In 1984,

this official said, the officer was one of several C.I.A. officers reprimanded because of their role in preparing and distributing a manual on revolution that, among other things, advocated the tactic of assassination.

C.I.A. operatives cannot be identified because of security reasons.

The recall of the station chief, first disclosed by The Los Angeles Times, comes as the Congressional intelligence committees are investigating whether the C.I.A. provided more extensive aid than it has acknowledged to the rebels.

In appearances before the Congressional panels, senior C.I.A. officials have said they instructed their officers to avoid Americans involved in private supply networks for the contras.

The C.I.A. has been permitted to help the contras by sharing intelligence and by giving advice not related to specific military operations. Both of these activities were permitted by the law in effect in 1986.

But rebel leaders in Costa Rica have said in interviews that the station chief last year maintained a much closer relationship with them and the private supply network.

On one occasion, the rebel leaders say, the station chief met with them and said they would continue receiving supplies only if they joined the main Nicaraguan rebel movement. Those materials, the rebels say, were being dropped from airplanes arranged by the private network.

Those who took the station chief's advice, the rebels said, received the supplies as promised.